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In re Applicant: Akram M. Hosain et al. § Art Unit: 2681

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Apparatus for  
Communications Networks §

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as set forth below.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Revised Figures 1 and 2 are attached, with revisions marked in red ink.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 4, 9-15, and 23, without prejudice.

Amend the following claims:

1        1. (Amended) A method of accounting for services provided over a packet-based network, comprising:  
2                determining a type of service used over the network;  
3                monitoring usage of the service; and  
4                collecting accounting information based on the type of service and usage  
5                of the service, wherein collecting the accounting information includes compiling the  
6                accounting information into an accounting unit,  
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I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.  
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